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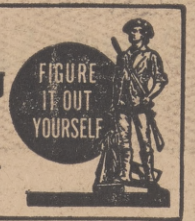

THE MARIN CITIZEN

MARIN CITY'S HOME WEEKLY

If you have news that you'd like to see printed don't forget to drop it in "The Marin Citizen" box at the Community Center. Deadline is Tuesday night.

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$74,000 US Fund To Aid City School In Fall Session

By DOROTHY SMITH

The Sausalito School Board budget hearing last week wound up in a maze of astronomical figures, with one clear fact emerging — the Marin City City school must receive a $74,000 Federal grant to run during the 1943-44 year.

The public hearing, which was meagerly attended by both the public and board members, revealed a planned $133,389 budgte for the joint operation of grammar schools in Marin City and Sausalito.

Marin City's budget, $88,254, is computed on an estimated 600-800 pupil attendance, and has only two small assured sources.

The State of California grant, again based on average daily attendance, last year, is $12,000 for the Marin City school.

"The procedure of basing grants on the previous year's average attendance works a great hardship in this instance. Although the attendance averaged 490 pupils last year, actual enrollment in June showed 800 pupils. Since June the population in Marin City has swelled even more," said School Superintendent A. W. Ray, explaining the financial shortage.

The only other source of school income is an estimated $15,000 which the Federal Public Housing Authority will pay the school district in lieu of taxes from Marin City.

The remaining sum, approximately $74,000, must come from direct Federal grant through Lanham Act funds.

"There is every reason to believe that this money will be granted. Other schools in similar situations have received Federal money," said Ray.

Rummage Sale To Be Held by Marin City Women's Club

A big rummage sale, conducted by the Marin City Women's Club, will be held next Friday and Saturday, August 20 and 21, at the new school building.

Mrs. B. C. Bloomquist, chairman of the rummage committee, reminds all residents to look for the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts who this week and next are busy collecting and storing contributions.

Double V Meets Friday Evening

The Double V Club meets tonight at 8 p. m. in the Community Building Lounge Room.

Dr. J. Alsberg will lead a discussion on minority groups in Europe.

The public is invited.

Sept. 4. What Cooks?

JACK LONDON

This week Jack London's widow gave the captain of the S. S. "Jack London" the ship's bell from London's yacht, the "Snark." The campaign sponsored by "The Marin Citizen" to place a set of London's books aboard the ship is still going on, with contributions of Marin City residents coming in steadily.

City Bus Service Schedules Posted

Bus service on schedule around Marin City and to Sausalito starts Wednesday, August 18. This announcement, made last week by the City Council's Improvement Committee, climaxes a long campaign on the part of Marin City residents to obtain such service.

The bus will swing around the entire city every morning on a half-hourly schedule. The same route will be followed every afternoon each hour.

Bus stops along the route will be plainly marked. Benches will be placed at each stop, as will shelters.

Below is the schedule the bus will follow: The Marin City terminal will be in front of the market. The Sausalito terminal will be in front of Joe's vegetable market at 633 Bridgeway. Fare will be 10 cents per trip.

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New Main Road Open This Week

The underpass and highway leading from Marin City to the shipyard and Sausalito has been completed, thus relieving the congestion on our only main road. Now that the new road is completed, it is understood that much needed repairs will be made on the old one.

Plans now are to extend the dividing strip on highway 101 all the way to Manzanita, thus making the newly constructed road and underpass Marin City's front door.

School Age Child Care Center Ready For Kids of Working Mothers; Registration Urged

Marin City's long awaited day care center for school-age children will open at the Community Center at 7:15 a. m. Monday, August 16.

The center will be run along the same lines as the nursery school, but will have a program suited to the ages of older children. Specially trained teachers will be in charge.

A hot dinner will be served all children at noon, with extra "snacks" mid-morning and mid-afternoon. Each child will have a bed, with a period after lunch for sleeping or resting.

The fee will be the same as for the nursery school, since the care and cost will be about the same. Parents pay $4.50 per week per child and the Federal government contributes a like amount. If there is more than one child in a family a reduction can be made.

Children will be received at the Community Center and will have space and equipment in the back yard for play. Noon dinner will be served at this building.

One of the bungalows on the hill will be the place for afternoon rest. Other bungalows will be devoted to crafts, game rooms, club activities, little theater and other planned activities.

There will be many trips and excursions away from the center, with adult leaders in charge. Space has been allotted for a "day camp." Here the children can learn to cook outdoors, make a blanket roll, do nature study and plan hiking trips.

There will be a carpenter shop where the children can make many of their own toys and furniture. There will be plenty of chance for the boys and girls to work out their own ideas and favorite things to do and make.

The center hours will be from 7:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Miss Roberta Winans is in charge of the child care center. She will be in Mrs. Mills' office at the Community Center every morning from 9 to 9:30 to interview parents. Parents who work all day should leave word when they could see a teacher in the early morning or evening.

Parents can secure application blanks to enroll their children at the child care center from the housing office at the Community Center. Application blanks are now available.

'POLICE UNJUST,' CHARGE OF MARIN CITY RESIDENTS

Two Marin City citizens brought charges of injustice against Marin City's deputy sheriffs and the Sausalito police court at last Tuesday's City Council Improvement Committee meeting.

Norman Campbell, accompanied by Dan Lonsberry, stated that the sheriff arrested him for reckless driving without due cause.

Then, said Campbell, the officer stated: "Sign the ticket, send it and a dollar along to the Sausalito court and it will be all fixed up."

Campbell did so, and then received a summons to appear before the court.

When Campbell appeared in court, the complaining officer did not attend. The judge then ordered Campbell to return within a week.

This double appearance caused Campbell, a day shift worker, to lose two days at Marinship.

Merritt Webster, assistant executive director of the Marin Housing Authority, stated at the meeting that the management here has no jurisdiction outside of the project.

"But," said Webster, "we are vitally interested in the conduct of the deputy sheriffs stationed here."

Mr. Webster then asked that all specific instances of police injustice here be brought to his immediate attention, for adjustment with the sheriff's office in San Rafael.

"Adjustment of the case, or immediate dismissal of the offending officer will take place in cases of obvious unfairness to Marin City tenants," repeated Webster.

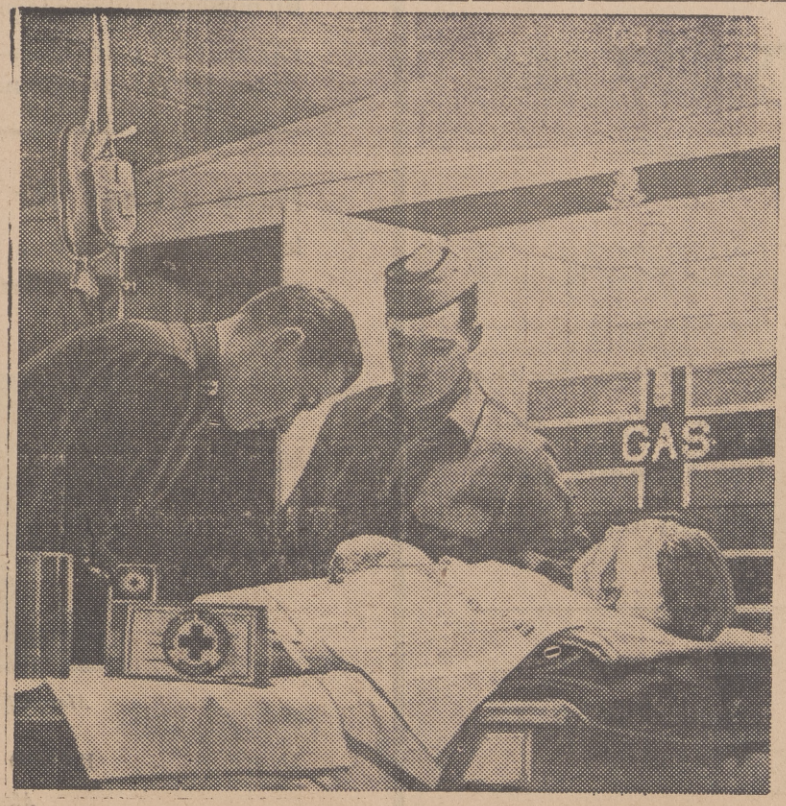
Marin City Kids Help Produce Food For Armed Forces

Six Marin City boys left Wednesday for Denair, to pick peaches. Later they will go up to Calistoga, to join about 25 more fellows from here who have signed up to work in the prunes. The pioneers are Sid Weber, Billy Frease, Willy Romke, Charles Small, William Tillett and Wilbert Pacholsky.

Mrs. Marie Larson, our local USO director, told us that she wants to sign up many more boys, and that a girls' camp is planned for later in the summer. The program of teen-age fruit picking camps is under the direction of Lauriston Tardy, Harvest Camp Director for the Marin County public schools. A special bus will take boys 14 years and older to Calistoga on August 20. Twelve and thirteen-year-olds will leave Marin City by bus on August 25. A teacher accompanies every 20 boys.

Sleeping quarters are prepared in the schoolrooms in Calistoga, meals are served in the school cafeteria at a cost to the boys of $1.50 per day. Wages average between $4 and $8 a day.

A physical examination is required, which Marin City Medical Center will perform free of charge. Mrs. Larson asks that boys and their parents see her, or her assistants, Mrs. Betty Hyman and Mrs. Margaret Hillard, at USO Cottage.



This picture shows a soldier, wounded in Alaska, receiving a blood transfusion. It may be that he is receiving blood given by a Marin City resident. For dates of the next visits of the Red Cross Mobile Blood Donor Unit, turn to page four. Give your blood to save the life of one of our fighting men.

Marin City Gets New CD Members

Last week the day and graveyard shift Civilian Defense organization welcomed the following new members:

William Logue, House 385, who will take auxiliary fireman training.

J. J. Pollack, House 166, who will take warden training.

H. A. Kelly, 694, Tom Norton, 563, and Jim San Jule, 780, who have had their basic training and will stand by in case of emergency.

CLASSES AT COMMUNITY CENTER ATTTRACT MANY FOR FUN AND FROLIC

Pull Shades Or Dim-out Citations Will Be Issued

Pointing out that a United States Army proclamation makes it unlawful to fail to observe dim-out regulations, Marin City Civilian Defense this week asked all residents to check each night to see if their windows were covered.

Time of the dim-out is from sunset to sunrise. The military order applies to everyone living on the West Coast.

Householders must not permit light to shine from any window —no matter which direction it faces. The Army and Civilian Defense officials ask that all shades in every room in which a light is burning be pulled down. Outside doors from lighted rooms should not be left open.

According to Marin City CD workers, our dim-out to date has been poor. This must be corrected. Especially noticeable to Army authorities has been the light coming through uncovered transoms in the apartments. A cardboard between the light globe and transom will solve this problem.

Military authorities have repeatedly told of the danger of attack on the coast. That is one reason for the dim-out. CD officials say that citations under the military order will be given in Marin City after next week unless corrections are made.

Badminton Class Resumes Monday

On Monday, August 16, at 7:30 p. m., Mrs. Marjorie Drake will return from a six weeks' leave to again meet with adult badminton classes in the Community Center auditorium. On Wednesday, August 18, Mrs. Drake will again meet with the 'teen age badminton group.

A good turnout to these badminton sessions is needed in order to assure the continuance of these classes. Everyone is welcome. It's a lot of fun to play badminton.

All those interested in chorus singing, free-hand drawing and lettering, or home craft, can "learn by doing" at three weekly classes now open at the Community Building.

A mixed chorus group meets every Thursday at 8 p. m. in the Arts and Crafts room. Clinton Lewis, Marin Junior College instructor, directs.

Every Monday and Wednesday from 7 to 9 p. m. there is a class in free-hand drawing and lettering. W. F. Rauschnabel, Marin Junior College, instructs the class.

Home craft craftsmen and women meet every Monday and Wednesday from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. in the second grade classroom, behind the Community Building.

New electrical tools have arrived, and this class is making furniture and small articles such as bookends and cigarette boxes. They plan soon to start making kitchen equipment, including pottery. R. A. Arabia from Marin Junior College is the instructor.

These classes are open to everyone. They may be joined at any time, simply by going to the room at the hours when the classes are in session. No fee is charged for any of the instruction.

Drawing Classes Twice Weekly

The splendid opportunity to receive free instruction in drawing and painting is offered to anyone interested at the Community Building, Marin City, every Monday and Wednesday night from 7 to 9.

William Rauschnabel, art instructor at Marin Junior College, conducts the classes and brings never-failing enthusiasm to his teaching. There are good accommodations in the classroom and draped models are obtained by the expedient method of stepping into the hall before work begins and capturing someone. It is magic and the victim always succumbs readily.

Still lifes are provided in the form of flowers or you can diligently draw simple box forms if you are a beginner and wish to learn perspective.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Denny visited friends, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Serna, in Pittsburg over the week end.

MANAGEMENT SPEAKS

By MERRITT WEBSTER

In an editorial appearing in last week's "Marin Citizen" we were "needled" for the condition of the main road—which we will admit is not good. We have been waiting for the completion of the new main entrance and road into Marin City before undertaking the repairs on this old road. To tie it up now would make conditions worse than they are, since repair work would make passage over this road virtually impossible. The new road is now being paved, which means that we can soon close the old one for the badly needed repairs.

Now as to the dangerous crossing at the main highway. We have realized for some time that this is just what "The Marin Citizen" calls it—" a death trap." We have communicated with the State Division of Highways and the Greyhound Bus Company to ask for help. We have asked for additional lights at night and for traffic policemen at peak times. We have also asked for a bus shelter on the north side of the highway.

We are glad that the paper has called attention to this problem because it strengthens our hand in asking for improvements.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold McCollough returned from a month's visit to Webster City, Iowa.

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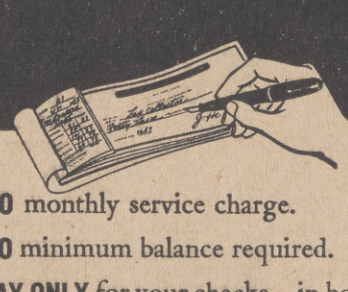
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MARIN CITY'S ROLL OF HONOR

(Last week we listed the names of 15 of Marin City's sons, brothers and husbands who are serving in the armed forces of our nation. This week we continue the list.)

(16) Sgt. Tom Grinner, Army; husband of Mrs. Celia Grinner; (17) Clarence Times, Navy, brother of Mr. Will Times; (18), (19) Pvt. Charles Piper, Pvt. Jeff Sterling, Army, brothers of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Sterling; (20) Pvt. Willis West, Army, son of Mrs. Phyllis Waldron; (21), (22) Jeff Bloomquist and Jack Bloomqlist, Navy and Merchant Marine, son of Mrs. B. C. Bloomquist; (23) Pvt. Theodore Trego, Army, son of Mrs. C. E. Butts; (24), (25) Cpl. Lawrence Mellot, Pvt. Paul Mellott, Army, sons of Mrs. W. J. Satohr; (26), (27) Pvt. Austin Berkebile, Pvt. Maletus Dillon, Army, grandsons of Mrs. W. J. Stohr.

Our Roll of Honor is growing. Send the name of your service son, brother or grandson to "The Marin Citizen," P. O. Box 556, or drop it in "The Marin Citizen" box at the Community Center.

RACIAL AND NATIONAL UNITY CONFERENCE ATTENDED BY MARIN CITY PASTOR AND COUNCILMAN

By DR. NORMAN W. PENDLETON

A great conference on Racial and National Unity in War Time was held in San Francisco last Sunday afternoon, with about 2000 delegates present. While this conference was called by the Congress of Industrial Organizations, a very wide variety of organizations, including the Y.M.C.A., the Y.W.C.A., many of the churches and church organizations were represented.

I attended, along with Michael Smith, city councilman, and want to report that it was one of the most representative gatherings held in Northern California in many a day. It indicated the widespread desire to deal constructively and healingly, in the spirit of genuine American democracy, with the problem of inter-racial co-operation in winning the war and developing a finer and truer democracy at home now and after the war.

A splendid program for community activities was adopted by the conference after an inspiring talk by the famous Negro singer and actor, Paul Robeson.

We are publishing some of the recommended community activities. Some of them have been practiced in Marin City from its beginning, and other suggestions might well be followed out here:

The Conference proposes, first, that in all cities in Northern California, **Race Relations Commissions** should be appointed, with strong representation of all minority groups, organized labor, the churches, civic and business leaders. These commissions can then call upon all community organizations to help bring about the following necessary actions by local authorities:

1. Police Departments should institute education programs to inform all members of police forces on race relations. It is suggested that members of minority groups should be hired as policemen.

2. Boards of Education should, among other things, sponsor adult education classes on the problems of minority groups.

3. Housing Authorities must ensure that War Housing Centers make all listings of vacancies available to all tenants without discrimination, provide for minority representation on Housing Authorities, among other things.

5. Commanding officers in the armed forces should be requested to give full co-operation by instituting programs of education of their men on race relations, and the outstanding contributions of the minority groups to our country's war effort, both in the face of the enemy and on the home front. Further, a strong policy of disciplining any man who in any way contributes to provoking ill-feeling violence against any minority group is requested.

Richard Hutchanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hutchanson, A16-631, has been stationed at the Naval Training Station, Farragut, Idaho.

Sept. 4?

School Standard Kept Up For Our City's Children

Parents who are wondering what sort of education their children will receive in an emergency war housing project, received a direct answer last week.

"Pre-war educational standards are being maintained. No school subjects will be eliminated, with the possible exception of grammar school manual training and domestic science," declared School Superintendent A. W. Ray at last week's budget hearing.

Shops, sewing and cooking rooms were not included in the new Federal-constructed school house in Marin City, Ray stated.

Fifteen classroom teachers have already been placed under contracts. Seven additional teachers have not yet been hired. Of these seven, said Ray, one will be a special music teacher, and another will be a fulltime recreation director.

A school nurse will evote two-thirds of her time to Marin City and one-third to Sausalito.

An attendance (truant) officer will divide his working hours between Marin City and Sausalito school absentees.

According to present plans and because of lack of school room space and teachers, Marin City kindergarten, first, second, third and fourth grades, will be double session.

The fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade students will attend the regular day schedule.

Some of the small fry enjoyed a double birthday party on Wednesday afternoon in honor of Doris Jean Graves, age 5, and Steven Waycott, age 3 Those who helped enjoy the refreshments were Doris Jean and Barbara Ann Groves, Steven, Jon and Diana Waycott, Penny and John Norton, David and Dickie Conrad, Charlene Ramsden, Shery and Lonny Rice, Richard Thornton and Jacqueline Carlson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Drath were surprised on their 46th wedding anniversary, August 6, by their daughter, Mrs. F. W. Shepherd, and two sons, Donald and Leroy, and daughter-in-law, Mrs. H. F. Drath and son Donald, all of San Francisco. Mr. and Mrs. Drath came from Lincoln, Neb., 22 years ago. They also have three other sons.

Mrs. Ed Anderson, A57-408, leaves the first of next week for Denver, Colo., where she will visit her mother.

Loyd Olsen, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Veron Olson, left last Friday for Mare Island where he will be stationed until he leaves for work at the naval yard at Pearl Harbor.

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Playground Limit Now Effective

The curfew for Marin City playgrounds will be effective one-half hour after sunset every day of the week, according to a ruling passed at the Improvement Committee of the Marin City Council.

The curfew will be enforced by the Marin City sheriff's office.

BLOOD DONOR SERVICE

Mobile Unit at Marin City—Friday, September 10.

Mobile Unit at San Rafael—August 20, 21, Sept. 3, 4.

San Francisco Center open 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. every day but Sunday.

To make an appointment to give your blood for the armed forces, sign up at Rental Office in the Community House or see Mrs. W. C. Billingsley at A15-607 in the evening.

Group transportation can be arranged for evening appointments at San Francisco Center for those whose work prevents daytime appointments at San Rafael or Marin City.

CHURCH Service

The Man From Missouri

"The Original Man From Missouri; the Story of Thomas, the Man Who Wanted to Be Shown" is the subject of the fifth sermon in the series of "Little Biographies" being presented at the Marin City Community Church, meeting in the Community Center every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The church is interdenominational and all Marin citizens are welcome.

Sunday school, for all ages, at 9:45 a. m. Mr. Verne Lindberg, superintendent.

Vacation School Continues Tuesday

The second session of the Community Vacation School, which is free to all Marin City children between 5 and 15 years of age, began last Tuesday morning, and will continue next week, Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday and Friday from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

The Vacation School is held under the auspices of the Child Welfare Committee of the Marin City Council, and includes movies, instruction, story-telling and community singing.

The school is under the direction of Dr. N. W. Pendleton, with Mrs. March of the school department as dean. The teachers include the following volunteers: Mr. Verne Koch, Mrs. Eva Lindburg, Mrs. Alice Adams, Mrs. Charles Henson, Miss Betty Lee Maycock, Mrs. G. W. Merritt, Mrs. S. W. Frisby, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Pendleton.

The school is not for any special group but for all children living ni Marn City.

Mrs. Marjorie Fitch, secretary of day and graveyard Civilian Defense, is leaving this week end for a two weeks' visit with her mother in Portland, Ore.

Your "Marin Citizen" is delivered to your door every Friday. The carrier depends entirely on you for his pay. He would appreciate it if you would give him ten or fifteen cents on the last Friday of each month. Thanks.

"THE MARIN CITIZEN."

YOUR HEALTH

By DR. JULIUS ALSBERG

Good sleep is necessary for everybody—now more than ever. These war times make it more and more necessary to find good sleep. Overwork, emotional strain, all the uncertainties which are connected with the war — all this causes: "I cannot sleep!" And sleep is so important.

Any engine, which has to produce a certain amount of work, needs a rest every once in a while. Both the human body and the human soul are a kind of engine which have to deliver a certain amount of work every day for a whole life. So your body and your mind must have rest. Both find this rest while sleeping. During sleep the body regenerates, the mind relaxes.

Some people find rest very easily. They go to bed and after a short while they are in the land of dreams and they are able to sleep for eight to twelve hours.

For others this is not so easy—they try everything from counting numbers to sedatives which they try to get sometimes without the necessary physician's prescription, not realizing the damage this can cause.

It is a fact that fear makes one sleepless. Every soldier will affirm that. In danger under physical strain you cannot find sleep. Every imaginary fear makes it impossible for you to sleep. The nightmare is also an expression of this fear.

Lying awake for hours and hours—not being able to find real rest—is a nerve racking situation, especially when it happens over and over again. One feels pretty miserable the next morning. In case this happens to you, turn on the lights, pick up a book and read some pages. Your mind will turn from your fear and from your anxieties to the contents of the book. You become readjusted and very soon you will find the long desired rest.

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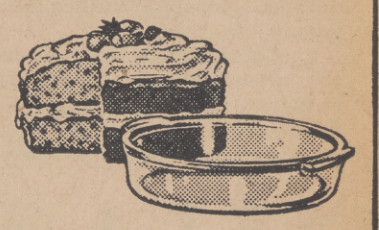

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» Women's Page «

FORTY MARIN CITY WOMEN FINISH HOME NURSING COURSE

Forty women will receive their Red Cross Home Nursing certificates in an impressive ceremony Wednesday, August 18, at 8 o'clock in the Community Center, Marin City.

These women have successfully completed the Red Cross Home Nursing course, conducted by Mrs. Josephine McCarthy, certified Red Cross instructor, and are now ready and able to assist in any emergency that may arise involving care of sick and aged. The group receiving certificates August 18 represents three Home Nursing classes which have been in session over a period of time.

Those who will be honored at the graduation include Mesdames Betty Skala, Bernice Jacobs, Verna Koch, Charles Abernathy, James Crowe, Evelyn Tanguay, Ransom Harman, Elmer Christensen, C. L. Kested, George W. McCumber, Edwin H. Cahon, Francis Proctor, Christine York, Eva Beach, Violet Slater, Gladys Carlson, Mona Timmons, J. W. Young, Ethel Cook, Margaret Abbott, V. L. Lindburg, W. T. Blackman, Bessie L. Merritt, Crison Small, Darold Adams, Eva Herman, Loretta Bowden, Irene Highfill, Eleanor Nelson, Lavern Yetter, Ethel Blanchette, Ruth Seibert, Olga Townsend, Evelyn Slavik, Grace Leighton, Madeline Allen, Kittie Bloomquist, Emma Kahrt, Lois McCall and Daisy Stohr.

Following graduation, a tea and reception will be held and 13 women who have already graduated and who comprise one of the first Marin City Home Nursing classes, will act as hostesses. They include Mesdames Mildred Cousins, Attie Lou Brochara, Dorris Sund, Alvera Johnson, Margaret Erickson, Genevieve Molloy, Juanita Leander, Gladys Page, Janet Michelson, Helen Walenta (Marin City Red Cross Home Nursing chairman), Mildred Cornell, Jean Beard and Dora Lawson. Marin County Chapter Red Cross representatives who will be present at the graduation exercises include Miss Edith S. Waterman, head of the local Red Cross chapter; Mrs. Percy Gray, county chairman Red Cross Home Nursing course; Mrs. John Kittle, head of local Red Cross Special Services; Mrs. Josephine McCarthy, Red Cross instructor, and Mrs. Melville Oppenheimer.

AUGUST, MONTH FOR PLANTING

By Helen Van Pelt

August is THE MONTH, and the ONLY month in which to plant winter gardens with the hope of the best success. The idea is to get root growth established while the weather is still warm; by the time the tops grow the weather will be cool enough to suit them. They will have a long-producing period without attempting to bolt as they would if the weather is too hot.

CABBAGE: Plant out young plants in August or September. They will be ready to use in November and December; heads can be cut when mature and stored for a month or two. Chinese cabbage is an interesting novelty to try. Plant seed direct in the ground NOW.

BROCCOLI (the sprouting variety): Transplant small plants now to harvest from about December 1. Frosts do not injure them.

CAULIFLOWER: Is ready for ground now, from transplants. When heads begin to form, tie them in.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS: Also plant now from transplants. Remember red cabbage, and Savoy curly-leaf; we have all these at the Garden Center.

CHARD: May be transplanted or sown in place, to be used all winter. Also seed now onions, spinach, curly kale, mustard, collards, lettuce, kohl-rabbi, beets, carrots and radishes.

So be sure to spade up and fertilize every foot of garden space not now in use, and prepare to outwit ration points and the high cost of living.

On next Tuesday morning at 11 there will be a garden discussion group to which all victory gardeners are invited. Subject: "Getting production during fall and winter."

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Vernon and their two sons have just returned from a month's visit to Oklahoma.

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

To the mothers and fathers of Marin City:

You do have the children's playground with loads of swings and other equipment. And the kids really enjoy it. But there is no supervision. Children are noisy—they have a right to be noisy. That is their business, as one of our fellow citizens put it at the last council meeting. They fight for the swings, they yell while they fight, and the graveyard workers living in the adjacent houses cannot sleep.

Fortunately, we did not have any serious accidents up to now, but think of the little Tommy D. who fell from another swing two days ago and got seriously injured—could not that have happened to one of the kids on the playground

I understand that there are no funds to hire paid supervisors, and it can certainly not be the police's job to do this supervision. But as Mr. Anderson mentioned today: it is our (i.e. the parents) business to provide the necessary supervision until we are able to get paid directors.

Therefore, I appeal to all women and girls, who are not working (and I am sure some still live here!) to make that sacrifice to your community and to your fellow citizens to spend some time in unpaid supervision on the playground.

I am convinced that some schedule can be worked out if six or eight women are willing to do this voluntary work. Women's Club to the Front!

Mr. Dempster or Mrs. Mills in the Rental Office will be glad to help you to work out such a schedule. —J. P. A.

Women Bake More Cookies For Soldiers

Mrs. George Hinnencamp, chairman of the Woman's Club baking committee, wants to thank all the women who gave materials and money. The committee baked again last Friday, sending 500 more cookies to Fort Kronkhite. The working committee was Mrs. Lloyd Messersmith, Mrs. E. Vander Wilt, Mrs. L. J. Bright, Mrs. Philip Dunn and Mrs. Hinnencamp.

WOMEN AT WAR

By PAULA NORTON

We had the most marvelous dream the other night. (How can the editorial we have a dream? Oh well.)

It went on and on, the scene was the lounge in the Community House. Seems there was a bar set up in one corner, with some teen-age girls on hand serving coffee, tea, cokes and cookies. It was about 4 in the afternoon, part of the rug had been rolled back and a few people were dancing to radio music.

In another corner were two tables of bridge players, or maybe rummy. The bridge lamps were lit (a dark afternoon), and there was a fire in the fireplace! Let's say it was raining outside, and people were carefully wiping their feet in the hall. Another group was quietly playing badminton in the auditorium.

Seems like all the clubs and committees in town had a host or hostess down there every afternoon and evening when there weren't meetings to keep things moving along and play bridge with the kids. There were even flowers and magazines on the tables.

Wasn't that a dream, though? The lovely thing about it was that nobody took a cushion off the chairs and burned it in the fireplace.

MRS. GALBRAITH'S RECIPE

DOROTHY'S COOKIES

Steam in boiling water until plump, 1 cup of seedless raisins. Drain and run through food chopper. Cream 1 cup shortening ½ teaspoon salt, 2 cups of brown sugar. Beat well 2 whole eggs. Blend eggs and creamed mixture.

Stir 2 level teaspoons of soda withthe ground raisins, add to other mixture. Sift flour and stir in 4-4½ cups. Shape in walnut sized balls and flatten with a fork. Bake at 400 degrees about 10-12 minutes. These cookies are dark brown when baked and are chewy.

Congratulations

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Marin City defeated Sausalito on the 8th by the score of 2 to 1 in what was definitely a big league game.

Marin City tallied in the third but held Sausalito scoreless until the seventh, when a short throw to first let in a run. Sausalito threatened again in that inning with a long fly to the outfield, but Brown retrieved and heaved in to the catcher to cut off the run. Foote walked in the eighth and Shoemaker doubled to bring in the winning run.

Foote struck out 15 men while allowing 8 hits, Camera for Sausalito struck out 14, allowing 6 hits.

Andy Miller officiated behind the plate, Watson at the bases.

In the rest of the league, Mill Valley defeated San Anselmo, 8 to 3; San Rafael had an off-day.

Fishing Column Next Week

With next week's issue we introduce you to Mr. Louis Pittroff, fisherman better than excellent. Mr. Pittroff will contribute a weekly column on The Fish, where to find it, how to lure it, what it likes to eat, and more than likely, how to cook what comes up on the hook.

Mr. Pittroff is head painter on the maintenance staff here at Marin City. His associates all speak glowingly of his ability to catch many and big fish. He has done fish reporting for many newspapers, too, in Fresno, Santa Cruz and elsewhere. He was an officer of the Associated Sportsmen's Club of California for many years. He is busy now, among other thing, on a boat, but out of his kindly interest in seeing that strangers to the Coast find the fishing spots, he will give us the column.

Watch for it, and plan on stacks of bass, salmon and other finny friends for your fall eating.

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Sausalito	2	2	.500
Mill Valley	1	2	.333
San Anselmo	1	4	.250

Next Sunday's Games:

Sausalito plays San Anselmo at San Anselmo. San Rafael plays Mill Valley at Mill Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gingery are leaving Marin City to make their home in San Francisco.

SPORTS STATIC

By TEX

Was I right or was I right about the game Sunday? These youngsters are really playing ball, as anyone who saw the game can testify. There's still lots of room on the sidewalks for onlookers, though, so don't worry about not being able to see the game. Their next appearance is right here on home grounds on the 22nd, so come on out and enjoy yourselves.

I think all the howling about playgrounds was vindicated by the gang of kids who took over as soon as the swings were up. I was a little worried for fear the concrete wouldn't hold out under the strain, but so far my fears are groundless. That's that many kids off the streets and out of mischief elsewhere. Of course, there are a few squabbles about whose turn it is to have the swing, but that is natural.

It is time to consider ways and means of providing supervision for the grounds, as the rest of the games will be ready most any month now, and add new complications to the use of the equipment.

Are there no pinochle or chess players in the community? Seems a shame for the stuff to be going to waste at the Community House for lack of users. If you'd like to get in touch with others who play, drop me a note at Box 578, or leave it at House 57 (new number) and let's us if something can't be done. Should be plenty to start both a chess and a pinochle club.

Strictly Personal

By PEGGY BILLINGSLEY

Mr. Al. Mead has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Smyth and wife for the past week. He left Sunday morning for the U.S. Army Medical Corps at Monterey, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Turover, Apt. 505, A-10, had as their guest last week Miss Helene Smoliak, of St. Paul, Minn.

Mrs. Lillian Eudy, from Tulsa, Okla., arrived last week for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Smith, House 90.

Mrs. Walter Del Tredici, House 131, returned from Cloverdale last Sunday where she and her three boys vacationed for a week.

Mrs. Del Tredici canned 60 quarts of pears while visiting there with her mother, Mrs. August Wagele.

'Teen Agers Plan Formal Dance Soon

By Joyce Palmer

It is rumored that the teeners are going to have a formal dance soon. All of the girls who haven't formals are getting nothing fancy, just a summer formal. The boys don't have to wear tuxes; suits or sports clothes will be all right. The date of the dance is as yet unknown, but it won't be for a little while. Let's have a big turnout when and if, and have a lot of fun.

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All of the teeners who know Dale McCullough are saying goodbye and wishing him luck, for he is "in the Army now." He is leaving for his home town, St. Louis, to say goodbye to his mother before he leaves for his training.

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Most of the teeners who went on the hike last week are very sorry they did, now, for they have poison oak. The Medical Center has been busy with teeners streaming in one after another for poison oak shots.

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Before Mr. Eggerts left, he asked some of the teeners if they would like to organize an archery club. There are many complete archery sets available, so if enough teeners are interested it might be a lot of fun.

Classified Ads

(Place all classified ads in "The Marin Citizen" box at the Community Center or mail them to P. O. Box 556, Marin City. Deadline is Tuesday night. Cost is 50c for 3 lines.)

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REGULAR MEETING SET FOR CITY CD

At the regular Monday evening of day-graveyard Civilian Defense, the following permanent schedule of CD meetings was adopted, according to W. C. Billingsley, chairman. All meetings will be held at the Public Service Building, opposite the Rental Office, on Monday evenings at 7:30.

1st Monday — Business and social.

2nd Monday—First aid and fire drill.

3rd Monday — County-wide incident drill.

4th Monday—Dim-out patrol.

The Executive Board meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays, same place, same hour.

It is urged that persons come to these meetings who have had CD training and experience as well as those who are willing to participate and take training.

Civilian Defense is in need still of women to volunteer for work in the Control Center. The women need not have had training in CD work, but must become familiar with the operation of the center. A dozen women are needed, six will work at one time. This is work to be performed at the time of a yellow alert or during practice incidents.

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Practice sessions will be held the third Monday of every month.

Siren Doesn't Go

"The Marin Citizen" has been announcing mock air raids for the past two weeks. This week we learned that, after two postponements, CD has indefinitely put off the scheduled drill.

According to W. C. Lewis, chief of swing shift CD, the reason for the postponements is that there is no wire to make the necessary connections for the newly arrived air raid siren.

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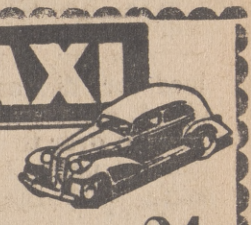

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CHANGE NEEDED IN OUR POLICE FORCE

Within the past three weeks we have had many requests to say something about the actions and attitude of the police in Marin City.

We have not said anything sooner because we wanted to look into the situation and get the facts straight. Now we feel we have heard enough and seen enough to ask that something be done. Here are a few examples of recent police actions that prompt us to make this request:

(1) A house was broken into by two policemen without a warrant. The tenant of the house was handcuffed and led out into the yard before the police discovered it was all a big mistake. The man was released and the police apologized, but not before he was humiliated before his neighbors.

(2) A number of 'teen-agers were waiting in front of the Community Center for one of their regular Friday night dances to start when one of the police walked up and told them gruffly that there were to be no more dances, and for them all to go home. This, of course, was not true.

(3) A man, having lost his keys and getting home late from work, was trying to get into his apartment through a window. One of his neighbors was helping him. The police drove by, picked up the tenant, and caused him to be fined for "disturbing the peace."

(4) A car owner saw two policemen get out of their car and go over to his automobile and start to go through it—looking under the seats and into the pockets. When he asked what they were looking for, they replied that "we're looking for a stolen car and this looks like it." Their attitude showed that they believed him to be a car thief.

(5) Police treatment of the Negro tenants is as if they were some sort of second-class citizens.

These are a few of the incidents we have come across. They are enough, however, to cause us to ask that the police be informed that everyone living in Marin City is an American citizen, that everyone is working hard to build enough ships to beat the Axis and that it's about time that these petty (and some not so petty) harassments be stopped.

We hold no brief for the speeders who endanger children's lives, nor for those few vandals in our midst who seem to forget that there is such a thing as decency and law and order. These kind of people are a minority in our city, however, and could be easily taken care of by an intelligent and efficient police force.

It seems to us that the police should be talked with about their actions and attitude. If this doesn't work, some changes should be made.

MARIN CITY BULLETIN BOARD

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14—
Cub Pack 32, Lounge, 10:30 a. m.
Children's Movie, Auditorium, 1:30 p. m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15—
Catholic Mass, Council Room, 8:30 a. m.
Sunday School, Community Bldg., 9:45 a. m.
Community Church, Council Room, 11 a. m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 16—
Civilian Defense, Incident Drill, Control Center, 7:30 p. m.
Art Class, Council Room, 7 p. m.
Badminton (Adults), Auditorium, 7 p. m.
Homecraft, House 400, 10-1 p. m.
Sea Scouts, Council Room, 7:30 p. m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17—
Vacation School, Auditorium, 10 a. m.
Children's Recreation, Auditorium, 6:30 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18—
Well-Baby Clinic, Council Room, 8:30 a. m.
Vacation School, Auditorium, 10 a. m.
Executive Board, Women's Club, 10 a. m.
Homecraft, House 400, 10-1 p. m.
HOME NURSING GRADUATION, Auditorium, 8 p. m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 79—
Vacation School, Auditorium, 10 a. m.
Swing Shift Civilian Defense, Control Center, 10:30 a. m.
Boy Scouts, Troop 34, Auditorium, 7:30 p. m.
MIXED CHORUS, Council Room, 8 p. m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20—
WOMEN'S CLUB RUMMAGE SALE, NEW SCHOOL BUILDING, 9 a. m.-8 p. m.
Vacation School, Auditorium, 10 a. m.
Story-Telling, Council Room, 1:45 p. m.
Board of Directors, Civilian Defense, 7:30 p. m.
Children's Recreation, Auditorium, 6:30 p. m.
'Teen-Age Dance, Auditorium, 9 p. m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21—
CONTINUATION, WOMEN'S CLUB RUMMAGE SALE, NEW SCHOOL BUILDING, 9 a. m.-8 p. m.

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Receiving my package, I placed it on his scale to discover there was but three-quarters of a pound. After protesting to the owner I was given more meat and a refund.

Fortunately my hours permit shopping elsewhere but the fellow who works days and just has to go to market before closing time must take it and like it.

D. B. Cherry.

THE SOAP BOX

By THE EDITOR

Something that sounds like a darn good idea to us is the production challenge thrown out this week by Marinship's 17,000 workers to three of the nation's most important shipyards.

A committee of Marinship workers issued this challenge as "our answer to the second front." The challenge went to Richmond Yard No. 3, Kaiser's Swan Island Yard at Portland, and the Alabama Drydock at Mobile.

The challenge was immediately taken up by the Richmond yard.

This race, which will end October 31, should be one of the greatest of all time, with the highest stakes in the world—victory over the Axis. We'll bet on Marinship workers to lead the way all the way.

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Something that didn't sound quite right to us was a request in "The Stinger" to find the solution to early quitting without picking "on the old standbys like lack of adequate transportation, lack of eating facilities, having to check in tools, slow whistle, parking facilities at the yard, the long walk to the bus and ferry terminal, wanting a seat on the bus, and having to shop for the wife.

This sounds like trying to bake a cake without using any flour, milk, eggs or baking powder.

We don't hold any brief for those few workers in the yard who loaf or quit early deliberately. We think they should be jailed as saboteurs. But we also don't hold any brief for those in management who refuse to open their eyes to the real reasons for low morale—of which early quitting is one symptom.

American workers are generally patriotic, efficient and hardworking. Most of them have close relatives at the battlefront. They hate the guts of those who slow war production. Most of them have their own private ideas of where the responsibility lies at Marinship. We think it would be an eye-opener to the yard management to learn what these private ideas are.

Attacking Unity of U. S. and Russia

By Chester Rowell

It would be an understatement to call merely "untimely" any propaganda to make Russian-American relations worse, at the very moment when President Roosevelt is conferring with Prime Minister Churchill in a joint effort to make them better.

This refers, specifically, to the nation-wide campaign in the Hearst papers, culminating the very day of Churchill's arrival in Canada. The final editorial of that day openly pictured Russia, even more than Germany, as the chief enemy of American purposes.

"Russia is fighting to defeat German Socialism—and to impose Russian Bolshevism in Germany and elsewhere." So Stalin "is endeavoring to communize Italy and Germany — not to make them safe for democracy but to make them safe and sure for Russian Communism." "America must make sure that it does not succeed in delivering Europe to Bolshevist tyranny."

And much more, as bad, all calculated to disrupt the Allies, and, particularly to alienate America from the one of them which is now doing the most fighting, and whose success, in that fighting, is most important to us.

What Mr. Hearst's motives are, in this strictly personal crusade, he and the Recording Angel may know best. But what its effect is, so far as its use of nation-wide channels of publicity may make it successful, admits of no doubt.

It is, in the first place, exactly parallel to the German propaganda now going on, for the undisguised purpose of stiffening German and weakening American morale. Goebbels is taking advantage of the known fact of a difference of present policy between Russian and America, both grossly to exaggerate and misrepresent that difference and to scare Germany and America alike with the specter of Communist domination. To do this, both the American and the German propaganda make the same distortions of language and misstatements of fact regarding the Russian utterances. The German purpose is acknowledged. May we charitably hope that the exact parallelism, in the American crusade, is accidental coincidence?

This is no matter of newspaper rivalry or of politial difference. Least of all it is a San Francisco matter, since it is a national campaign, under central instructions. But it is serious, not to be dismissed as anybody's personal vagary. And it can be very dangerous, in its widely circulated distortions of facts and appeals to prejudices. It must not be passed over in silence.

The efforts of the President and the Prime Minister to improve these relations and to promote co-operation are entitled to the support of every loyal American. Even if anybody exercises his personal privilege of thinking them mistaken, this is war, and the chiefs of that war are now meeting on a war policy, whose failure would inevitably prolong that war and entail vast and needless sacrifices of American and British lives.

Every success of Russian arms produces rejoicing in America, as a victory on "our" side. If this conference should produce closer co-operation and greater confidence, there would be still greater rejoicing. This is the policy of the American Government. It is the wish of the vast majority of the American people. They will not, and should not, welcome a propaganda to weaken that policy, or to disrupt its support among the people.

The blunt fact is that the whole disruptive newspaper crusade, of which this is one part, is the product of two men, whose national importance (and danger) is in their possession of nation-wide chains of newspaper publicity. Just as two individuals, Colonel McCormick and Mr. Hearst may be left to the verdict of history and the opinion of their fellow men. But the possession of print and circulation makes them also institutions, which no squeamishness of personal controversy should tempt us to ignore.

At a crisis of the war, at a moment when its most critical question is being decided, which will determine the length of that war and its cost in blood, and could conceivably even affect its outcome, it is the obligation of Americans to help and not to injure, the efforts of our Chiefs of State and of our military leaders, for the joint prosecution of that war to early and complete success.

May we hope that these two sole significant exceptions will see the danger of their ways, and now join the otherwise unanimous procession

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